

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing claim amendments, the claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies, remove the reference numerals and delete the "characterized in that" language. In addition, the specification has been amended to provide a brief description of Fig. 4c. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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